

A Joint Workshop - March 10-11, 2011

Overview of Day 1

- Yesterday's Plenary Presentations:
 - -- Need for Sustainable Development of Nanotechnology
 - -- Ongoing and Planned Research, at Several Levels
 - -- Standards
 - -- Stakeholder Perspectives
 - -- Regulatory Data Needs
- Areas of Commonality btw. Environmental & Health Regulatory Research Needs
 - -- Reference Materials for testing and equipment standardization
 - -- Hazard Test Methods' Development
 - 1. in vivo <--> in vitro; 2. most sensitive spp; 3. sample prep & dosimetry
 - -- Understanding Release Scenarios and Mechanisms
 - -- Methods to identify Nanomaterials in Products, Environmental Media, Tissues
 - -- Characterizing Exposures & Bioavailability / Testing a Representative Material
 - -- Hazard and Exposure Methods' Harmonization and Standardization
 - -- Mechanisms to organize & make Curated Data globally available (incl. neg.data)



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Overview of Day 2: Tackling the Challenges / Moving the Field Forward Together

- Introductory Talk on Data Reliability/Reproducibility
- Breakout Groups to Identify Major Research Needs and... Areas of Cooperation:
 - -- The Planning Team Selected Six Critical Topics for Discussion
 - -- Balance of Health and Environmental Needs
 - -- Consider Regulatory Research Needs from Yesterday as part of the Process Today
 - Session 1: When do Unique Properties with Risk Assessment Implications Arise for Specific Nanomaterials?
 - Session 2: How do Surface Modifications and Chemical Transformations Affect Toxicity?
 - Session 3: What Metrics Are Most Scientifically Accurate When Relating Dose to Response in Toxicity Assessments?

 How are Dose-Response Data Best Extended to Determining Occupational Exposure Limits and
 Environmental Concern Concentrations?
 - Session 4: How Relevant are Model Nanoparticles to Understanding Exposure in the Workplace? How Relevant are they to Recommending Industrial Hygiene Practices?
 - Session 5: What are the Critical Parameters and Data Needs for Understanding the Behavior of Nanoparticles in Environmental Media?
 - Session 6: What are the Critical Parameters and Data Needs Relevant to Understanding the Behavior of Nanoparticles in Consumer and General Population Exposures?
- Session on Worker Protection
- Importance of the Final Session: Establishment of a Few Communities of Research (CORs)
 and Associated Platforms for Collaboration